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## Finance Committee Minutes 02-07-2001

7:30 PM O'Neill Room Community Safety Building  
 2/7/01

### ATTENDEES:

Phelps\* Feinleib\* Kocur\* O'Neill Mahoney  
 DeCoursey Villandry\* Simmons Mazmanian\*  
 Tosti\* Foskett\* Deyst\* Ronan\*  
 Scoppettuolo Franclemont Olsen\*  
 DuBois\* Howard\* Fanning\* Tosi Kneeland\*

\* Indicates present

VISITORS: None

MINUTES of 1/24/01 approved as corrected.

STATUS OF BUDGET: The Chair provided an FY02 budget summary from the Manager showing \$3.275m deficit. Not included are smaller than planned lottery & Chap 70 increases. The table compares last year's increases with the Governor's recommendation according to MMA.

	FY01	FY02	Change
Lottery	\$330k	\$282k	-\$48k
Chapt 70	\$732k	\$282k	-\$450k
Total	\$1062k	\$564k	-\$498k

The lottery money would be withdrawn and redistributed according to a town's affordable housing. All members urged to contact our Representatives.

The Manager also provided a spreadsheet showing health insurance costs for surrounding communities. In many communities employees pay more than 10%. Monthly costs in Arlington are average. Contributing to the health insurance cost increase is the addition of many newly retired teachers. A discussion of what to do followed. Possibility of increasing contribution from new hires. Manager is working the problem.

The police grant of \$250k was received to pay for the new patrolmen. Kneeland will arrange mtg w/ Police Director in March.

TRANSFER: \$5k from Reserve Fund to Legal to fund part of the Town Counsel's pay increase which was offered to retain his services. Approved after discussion.. Unanimous.

### BUDGETS

1. FINCOM: Level funded except for COL raise for Exec Sect. \$10957 Unanimous.

2. BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Corrections to printed budget netting \$144606 Per +\$102470 Exp+\$4000 Travel=\$251076.

Approved. Unanimous. A request for a new part time position at \$4000 will be considered with all other increases at the end of

the budget process.

3. MANAGER: Adjustments made to cover new, more senior ExecSect. \$294441 Per+\$13000 Exp=\$307441. Approved. Unanimous.

9. LEGAL: Subcommittee to review & explain salaries of Safety Coordinator & WC Agent. Provide expenses to date in WC. 15 ZBA Subcommittee to explain salary increase.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Chair requested specific suggestions on how to improve the budget proposal document. Also all members requested to review M Schedule salary increases.

School Subcommittee to request detailed FY02 budget.

Human Rights Commission to brief FINCOM at a TBD mtg.

FINCOM to enter AEEF spelling bee. \$15/member to Foskett.

The meeting scheduled for 2/12 is canceled.. The next meeting will be 2/14 w/ Treasurer. Meetings are also scheduled for Feb 7,12,14,21,26,28; Mar 5,7,14,19,21,26,28; and Apr 9,11 all in the Bob O'Neill Room at the Community Safety Bldg.

PENDING BUDGET ITEMS: Board of Selectmen, \$4000

Source: Peter B Howard, Secretary 2/8/01